IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH

AT HYDERABAD

HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

Writ Petition No.63 of 2007

Dated: January 03, 2007

Between:

N. Kumara Swamy, S/o. Narayana Raju, aged about 26 years, Student, R/o. V. Rajulakandriga village, Karvetnagar Mandal, C.D. Kandriga Post, Chittoor District, and others.

… Petitioners

And

The District Educational Officer, Chittoor, Chittoor District, and others.

… Respondents

Order:

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking Mandamus to direct the respondents to permit the petitioners to appear for Language Pandit Common Entrance Common Entrance Test-2006 (LPCET-2006) by receiving their applications.

2. Petitioners, four in number, are prosecuting B.A. (Literature)

through Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open Univeristy, Hyderabad and are in the third year of the said course. They responded to the notification issued by the second respondent for admission into one-year Language Pandit Training course for the academic year 2006-07 by way of the aforesaid entrance test. One of the eligibility criteria for admission into the said course is that the candidates should have passed B.A. (Lit.) or B.A. (Oriental Language – Telugu) or Bachelor of Oriental Language Telugu or a graduate degree with optional subject Telugu or M.A. (Telugu) and the candidates who have passed the above examinations as on the date of submission of applications are eligible to appear for LPCET-2006. It is stated that the common entrance test is scheduled to be held on
24-01-2007 and the last date for receiving applications is
06-01-2007.

3. It is stated that respondents are not receiving the applications of the petitioners on the ground that they do not possess degree certificates. However, it is the case of the petitioners that they have appeared for final year degree examinations in the month of October, 2006 and results are to be announced shortly.

4. Learned Government Pleader, on instructions, submits that the condition that the candidates should have passed the relevant degree examination as on the date of submission of applications has been relaxed and the candidates who have appeared for the final year degree examinations are also being allowed to appear for the common entrance test.

5. In view of the aforesaid submission of the learned Government Pleader, I dispose of the Writ Petition directing the respondents to permit the petitioners to appear for LPCET-2006 subject to their

fulfilling all other eligibility criterion notified in the instructions to candidates issued by the respondents. No order as to costs.

JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY.

January 03, 2007
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